

Delivery Agents

In recognition of the variety of private and public agencies providing recreational trails, the Council is attempting to identify the role each of these groups may play in the development of a Provincial trails programme.

Delivery Mechanisms

The Council is reviewing the various means of providing for recreational trails. The members are considering a number of options such as legislation, programme development and funding.

Right-of-Way Stability

The Council is examining methods of securing the location of recreational trails. Mechanisms such as gentlemen's agreements, landowner incentives and land acquisition are being investigated.

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The Task of The Council

The Ontario Trails Council was appointed by the Lieutenant Governor on September 1, 1975, as an independent citizens' group.

The 17 members of the Council represent trail user groups, recreationists, environmentalists, and agricultural and municipal communities.

The Council was given the responsibility of recommending a policy framework for a recreational trails programme in Ontario.

To complete the task, the Council is reviewing pertinent legislation, examining research requirements, and soliciting public opinion.

The Council is sponsoring public meetings across the Province and inviting interested persons to attend and present their opinions on all aspects of recreational trails.

On September 1, 1976, the Council will submit an interim report to the Minister of Natural Resources.

The Council's final report will be presented to the Minister on September 1, 1977.

Schedule of Public Meetings

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| London | December 10, 1975 |
| Parry Sound | January 27, 1976 |
| Timmins | March 9, 1976 |
| St. Catharines | April 10, 1976 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | June 8, 1976 |
| Peterborough | August 24, 1976 |
| Ottawa | October 5, 1976 |
| Dryden | October 29, 1976 |
| Barrie | November 23, 1976 |
| Toronto | November 24, 1976 |
| Sudbury | January 11, 1977 |
| Thunder Bay | March 1, 1977 |
| Cambridge | April 19, 1977 |
| Kingston | May 31, 1977 |
| Owen Sound | July 5, 1977 |

For meeting times and locations, please contact the local Ministry of Natural Resources office or check your local newspaper for announcements.

Help Plan Your Future

The Council wants to know your opinions, concerns and problems with respect to the following activities:

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| Hiking | Horseback Riding |
| Canoeing | Snowshoeing |
| Bicycling | Cross-Country Skiing |
| Motorcycling | Snowmobiling |
| Vita Parcours (Fitness) Trail | |

Trail users, landowners, land managers, and interested agencies and individuals are invited to provide the Council with the benefit of their views on the development of a provincial trails programme.

Written briefs may be presented at the public meetings or mailed to the Chairman of the Ontario Trails Council.

Important Issues

The following issues have been identified by the Ontario Trails Council as important in the development of a recreational trails programme.

Public Use of Private Land

At the present time, many generous landowners allow public trails to cross their lands. The Council is investigating the provision of incentives for these and other owners who may permit public trails on their lands. The Council is reviewing the legal responsibility of landowners with a view to making appropriate recommendations to Government.

Trail Requirements

The Council is examining the relationship between the present supply of trails and the number of persons using and demanding additional recreational trails. The object is to identify if there is a need for new trails and the relative urgency among the various demands.

Compatibility

The Council is studying the variety of opinion on the compatibility of the various trail activities. Seasonal, single-use and multi-use trails will be considered.

Geographic Variation

To prepare recommendations appropriate to the entire Province, the Council is reviewing such variants as terrain, climate and concentrations of population.

Trail Criteria

The Council is identifying the important policy issues affecting the planning and maintenance of recreational trails.